

**Environment Committee Testimony for  
SB 309, HB 5422 SB 316 and HB 5417**

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Hello Everyone,

**I would like to express my support for SB 309** , An Act concerning municipal care costs for confiscated animals. The town of Bethlehem has incurred tremendous costs for a cruelty case that has been appealing for months. It is important for the animal abuser to assume more financial responsibility of his or her crime and this bill will be an incentive for people to follow laws for animal welfare.

**I support HB 5422**, An Act concerning awareness of heartworm disease and the standard dog license form. Having a check-off box on a dog license form about whether heartworm preventative is being used will encourage people to consider using the medication if they aren't already. I think when people are paying their dog license fees and see the heartworm note added, they will look at heartworm prevention as more of a requirement rather than an option.

**I also support SB 316**, An Act requiring the labeling of food products that are packaged in materials that contain Bisphenol-A. This bill would encourage companies not to use BPA in their packaging and would help consumers to make safe choices.

**I oppose HB 5417**, An Act establishing a season for the taking of glass eels. Young eels are an important part of the eco-system and conservationists are trying hard to keep their journey from the Sound unencumbered.

Thank you for hearing me today.

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